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*For Opening and Establisbing certain Ports
in the Islands of Jamaica and Domi-
nica, for the more free Importation and
Exportation of certain Goods and Mer-
chandizes.*

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DHEREAS the appointing of proper and conve-
nient Ports in some of the *British* Colonies in
America, for the more free Importation and Ex-
portation of several Goods and Merchandizes, un-
der certain Restrictions and Limitations, may be
productive of considerable Advantages to the Manufactures of
Great Britain, tend to the Improvement of the Revenue there-
of,

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That it may be Enacted; And be it Enacted by the KING's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the

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no Copper Ore, Cotton, Wool, Ginger, Fustic, or other Dying Woods, Hemp, Indico, Melasses, Beaver Skins, or other Furrs, Sugar, Cocoa, Coffee, Pimento, Hides and Skins, Pot and Pearl Ashes, Raw Silk, or Whale Fins, of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of any *British* Colony or Plantation in *America*, shall be imported into the said Islands of *Dominica* or *Jamaica*, or either of them, upon any Pretence whatsoever, upon thereof, with the Ship or Vessel in which the same shall be imported, to be by any

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Officer of the Customs, and prosecuted as herein after is expressed.

And it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful, from and after the said to export from the said Ports in *Dominica* and *Jamaica*, to any Foreign Colony or Plantation 4 in *America*, in any Ship or Vessel, Negroes brought into the said Ports, in *British* built Ships, navigated according to Law, and all manner of Goods and Merchandizes whatsoever, which shall be legally imported into the said Ports from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and the *British* Colonies or Plantations in *America*, except Masts, Yards, or Bowsprits, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, and Tobacco, and also except such Iron as shall be brought from the *British* Colonies in *America*, any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the all Wool, Cotton Wool, Indico, Cochineal, Fustic, and all Manner of Dying Drugs or Woods, Drugs used in Medicine, Furrs, Hides, and Skins, Pot and Pearl Ashes, Whale Fins, and Raw Silk, and all Sorts of Raw Materials unmanufactured, which are fit and proper to be, or are capable of being, further manufactured, of 5 the Growth and Produce of any Foreign Colony or Plantation, which shall be exported from either of the said Islands of *Dominica* or *Jamaica*, shall be imported directly from thence into *Great Britain*, under the like Securities, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as are particularly mentioned in Two Acts of Parliament, made in the Twelfth and in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Years of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, the former intituled, An Act for the Encouraging and Increasing of Shipping and Navigation, and the latter intituled, An Act to prevent the Planting of Tobacco in *England*, and for regulating the Plantation Trade, or either of them, with respect to the Goods in those Acts particularly enumerated, any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

And it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the no Goods whatsoever shall or may be shipped from the said Islands of *Dominica* or *Jamaica*, to be exported to any Part of 6 *Europe* to the Northward of *Cape Finisterre*, except to *Great Britain*,

tain, in *British* Ships or Vessels navigated according to Law, under the same Securities, Regulations, and Restrictions, and subject to the same Penalties and Forfeitures, as are mentioned in an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled, An Act for the Encouraging and Increasing of Shipping and Navigation, or any subsequent Act now in Force, with respect to the Goods in such Act particularly enumerated.

Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to export from the said Ports before mentioned, in the said Islands of *Dominica* or *Jamaica*, all Sugars, and all such Goods and Merchandizes as are or may be now lawfully sent from any *British* Colony or Plantation in *America*, to such Foreign Parts of *Europe*, in such Vessels only, and under such Securities, Regulations, and Restrictions, and subject to the same Penalties and Forfeitures, as are directed by an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the Second, for the more effectually securing the Trade of His Majesty's *American* Dominions, and for other Purposes in the said Act mentioned, or by any other Act now in force, relative to such Goods as are respectively enumerated therein, any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall not be lawful for any Ship or Vessel whatsoever, which shall load or take on board at the said Island of *Dominica* any Goods, being the Produce of that Part of *America* commonly called the *West Indies* (Live Cattle excepted) to proceed to any other Island in the *West Indies*, which now is, or hereafter may be under the Dominion of His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, on any Pretence whatsoever, actual Distress excepted, in which Case the Master, or other Person having
8 Command or Charge of such Ship or Vessel, shall, in Hours after his Arrival, report the same in Writing to the Collector, or the Chief Officer of the Customs, together with the Name of his Vessel, and where bound, and at the same Time deliver in to such Officer a just and true Account of his Lading, and shall not, upon any Pretence whatsoever, take on Board any kind of Goods, Wares, or Merchandize (needful Provisions for his Voyage, or Necessaries for Repairs excepted, for which he shall first obtain a Permit from such Officer) and in case any such Master, or Person having Charge of such Ship or Vessel,
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shall load, or suffer to be loaded, any kind of Goods or Merchandizes (except as before excepted) or not being in Distress, shall not depart in

Hours after Notice given him for that Purpose in Writing, by the Collector or other Chief Officer of the Customs, such Ship or Vessel, together with all her Guns, Tackle, Furniture, and Ammunition, and all Goods whatsoever on Board of her, shall be

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And it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the

No Goods or Commodities of the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of *Europe* or the *East Indies*, or other Places beyond the *Cape of Good Hope*, shall, upon any Pretence whatsoever, be exported from the said Island of *Dominica* to any *British* Colony or Plantation on the Continent of *America*, on of such Goods, and the Ship or Vessel in which the same shall be so exported, with all her Guns, Tackle, Furniture, and Ammunition, to be by any Officer or Officers of the Customs, and prosecuted in the Manner herein after expressed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to extend to the Admission of Foreign Vessels into any other Part of the said Island of *Dominica*, than into the Ports of *Prince Rupert's Bay*, *Grande Baye*, and *Roseau*, nor into any other Part of the said Island of *Jamaica*, except the Ports of *Kingston* and *Santa Lucea*; and if any Foreign Ship or Vessel shall, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, enter into any other Part of the said Islands, such Ship or Vessel, with her whole Cargo, shall be

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted by this Act, which shall be incurred in *America*, shall and may be prosecuted, sued for, recovered, and divided there, in the same Manner and Form, by the same Rules and Regulations in all Respects, as any other Forfeitures or Penalties inflicted by any other Act of Parliament, for Offences against the Laws relating to the Customs or Trade of His Majesty's Colonies, may, by any Act or Acts of Parliament now in Force, be prosecuted, sued for, recovered, and divided.

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And it is hereby further Enacted and Declared, That this
II Act shall continue in Force to the
and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

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